

Dorchester Academy, McIntosh, Ga.

Rev. Charles M. Stevens, Principal

DORCHESTER ACADEMY had a unique beginning. The school was opened in 1881 in a little frame building in the midst of the cypress forests and turpentine swamps.

Miss Rose Kinney (with one assistant) had the care of the school, and for two years labored with heroic devotion, with no one to whom she could go for counsel or of whom she could ask help, boarding in a Negro family, on coarse fare which she supplemented by food sent from her Massachusetts home.

Sacrifice that Made Dorchester Possible

It was pioneer mission work, with ignorance, superstition, and

Christian Leadership the Great Need

"The great need to-day, is Christian leadership, — men and women who can teach not only what is in the books, including the Bible, but good morals, how to build a home and furnish it, how to cook and to make a real home, and how to utilize time."

The people are removed from sources of profitable employment. They live largely on the "credit" plan "eating their crop before it is gathered," and have no idea time is worth anything.

Few Parents can Read and Write

Few of the parents can read and write, but they desire better things for the children. The Negroes are the dominant race in the region of Dorchester Academy. The work of the school begins with the kindergarten class, and is not completed until the students graduate from the normal department.



GIRLS' DORMITORY — DORCHESTER ACADEMY, McINTOSH, GA. — MAIN BUILDING

rudeness as the environment. There was no refined or educated person with whom she could spend an evening, and two years of this life found her broken in health so that she was obliged to return to Massachusetts. Her service and sacrifice made Dorchester Academy possible. In 1883, Miss Elizabeth Plimpton, of Walpole, Mass., took up the work and remained six years.

"There is imperative need for this work," says Prof. F. W. Foster, who spent many years at Dorchester. "Everywhere are the little log cabins lighted by an open door, or shutters without glass, open and leaking and almost wholly barren of furniture worthy the name, and of the comforts needed in a home."

Academic instruction and practical training are combined. Bible study is a part of the regular work, and instruction in Temperance, with the Y. M. C. A., C. E., and the Missionary Society, keep the moral and spiritual in touch with the intellectual.

In 1908, the enrollment was 12 teachers and 251 students. The annual expenses are \$4,400. In 1907, the American Missionary Association contributed \$1,300, and the Daniel Hand Fund provided \$3,600 for the salaries of teachers. The property is valued at \$25,000. Rev. Charles M. Stevens is principal.